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EXPENSIVE AND CUMBERSOME

Two cases that were decided by the Court of General Sessions last Saturday well illustrate the costliness and unwieldiness of our present system of trying accused persons. One of the cases, the first tried, was that of two colored men charged with larceny of a horse and carriage in Middletown. For ten days the witnesses in this case were kept in attendance, as well as the accused men. The trial itself occupied about an hour, and the jury acquitted the men after a few minutes deliberation. The cost to the county in witness fees for this case was \$270. The other case was that of a hotel-keeper of Odessa, accused of selling liquor to minors. The case dragged along the same length of time and was even more expensive than the first one, as there were more witnesses. It also resulted in acquittal.

It certainly does seem that there could be some means adopted that would secure better and quicker, and surely less expensive, action by the Court. It may not be possible under our present system. But such waste of public moneys is undoubtedly wrong. There should be some minor Court that could try and dispose of minor cases. The idea of requiring three learned Judges and twelve men from all over this county, to determine the question as to whether a certain man was or was not drunk on a certain occasion, or whether a certain man did or did not ask a certain boy if he was 21 years old, before selling him intoxicating liquor. Justices of the Peace might be clothed with authority to empanel a jury of six or more or less, to pass upon trivial cases and the higher Court might help the matter along under present conditions by fixing a time when cases shall be tried, and then trying them. To put off and put on is a waste of the accused, and is a waste of the State's money. If the verdict is against the accused, the State is able to secure the attendance of all witnesses, but if the verdict is in favor of the accused, the men are not so able. The State will summon and compel the presence of the defense's witnesses, but when a case drags as did the two above referred to, (and they are not exceptional) men get tired and careless, and when they find that there is a prospect that they may not get paid for their time and expenses, they sometimes run the risk of contempt of Court and fail to appear when the case does reach the jury. No better work can be done by the next General Assembly than to give this matter serious attention.

AN HONEST ELECTION!

"Will the Republicans, both Regular and Union, expend another large corruption fund at the special election for Representative to be held in the Thirtieth district on December 27th? If they do not, the Democratic candidate will be elected without question. And if they do, the Democrats should be on the lookout for testimony which will send some of the depredators of the ballot to the workhouse."

The *Evening*, as appears from the above seems to be very much concerned about the manner in which the Republicans of St. Georges Hundred propose to conduct the coming special election. We desire to re-affirm what we have stated before, that in spite of all obstacles, and temptations to do otherwise, the Republicans of the hundred are now and ever have been in favor of honest elections and have so conducted their campaigns in the past and propose so to do in the future, not only for this special election but all coming elections. No reputable Democrat of this hundred dare say otherwise. In order to be in a position to answer the above question, we have interviewed the acknowledged Republican leaders of St. Georges Hundred and have been assured that not one dollar will be expended for any illegal or illegitimate purpose. Can or will any one say as much for the Democracy? Had that party been only half way honest in their efforts to have an honest election on November 8th, there would have been no need for special election. For the first time in recent years the

will of the people of St. Georges Hundred was on that day defeated by fraud, corruption and intimidation. Such actions will not be permitted to go unpunished this time.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"President Roosevelt's message is altogether out of the old rut. It is the product at once of an original student and a progressive executive. It is full of thoughtful, we might say philosophical, discussion, and it bristles with administrative purpose. Instead of being a dry, jejune summary of Department reports it is a juicy, fecund development of various public themes which appeal to an active and penetrating mind, not a staid logical order. At the same time there is no overblowing topic, nothing startling nothing for agitation, no new departure, no disturbing movement. It could be made shorter if it were less fertile and duller if it followed the stereotyped form. The message opens with a discussion of the relations of capital and labor, breaks like a rapid-firing gun into two or three of the President's quick suggestions, and then returns to labor and capital. The treatment is in the President's direct and characteristic spirit of fair play all around. Capital is to be sustained, but not to be grasping and oppressive. Labor is to be encouraged, but not to be violent and intolerant. A stringent employers' liability law is recommended where the Federal power extends. We have medals of honor for heroic service at sea, the President proposes them for similar service on land. The Bureau of Labor has done good work and will become more useful. A special report on the Beef Trust is coming. Corporations are not to be antagonized as such, but regulated for the public interest. The National Government alone can deal effectively with those engaged in interstate commerce. More important than any legislation is the growth of full respect on the part of each element for the rights of all the others. It is urged that the abuse of rebates must be stopped and the question is raised whether the power of the Bureau of Corporations ought not to be extended to insurance.

"In connection with the control of the Federal Government over Washington the President discusses the complexities and evils of city life and appropriate remedial measures. He treats the development of agriculture and the variation of our products with an intelligence and enthusiasm second only to that of Farmer Wilson himself, and when he comes to forestry he shows his Western training. He rightly wants the present divided care of the reserves concentrated in the one Department of Agriculture. He seeks to improve the Indian service by closer relationship between the central bureau and the agent in the field. Then follow endorsement of the rural free delivery, advocacy of a national quarantine law, a word for the upbuilding of a merchant marine, needed safeguards around immigration and naturalization, the protection of elections, the expedition of criminal prosecutions and the amelioration of conditions in Alaska.

"When the message reaches the subject of foreign policy it takes on a note of vigor and a tone of elevation. The uplift is immediately felt. Not any menace, not any truculence, but a patriotic and national inspiration. The President extols peace, but the peace of justice, not the peace of tyrannous terror or craven weakness. The nation is bound to inflict no wrong and to suffer no injustice. It must be able to assert its rights and protect itself. Its just attitude toward the world cannot be maintained without considering the army and the navy, for it is idle to declare policies without the power to support them. While prepared for emergencies the country should seek in every honorable way for the peaceful adjustment of all differences. The Government is, therefore, negotiating arbitration treaties wherever practicable, and has invited a second Hague Conference.

"But though ardently devoted to peace this country has a mission and a responsibility. It has a special obligation in the Western Hemisphere. In this connection the President takes no back track. In all the dignity of a message to Congress he repeats the pregnant hints and admonitions of his breezy letter to the Cuban dinner last Spring."—*Philadelphia Press.*

THE CHRISTMAS AMERICAN BOY

The *American Boy* for Christmas will delight the boy's heart from its front cover design representing a young hunter his dog, gun and game, clear through to the last page. It contains 70 illustrations to illustrate 91 different stories, leading articles and items of interest to boys. As especially appropriate to the Christmas season are "Father Laniute's Prize," by Lillian W. Lambert; "Kersey," by Evelyn M. Wood Lovejoy; "Uncle Sam's Santa Claus" and "Distributing Christmas Presents in the Navy." Other stories and leading articles are "The Pathway to Success," being an interview with ex-Senator T. W. Palmer of Detroit; "A Message to American Boys," by Governor Montague of Virginia; the first two chapters of Kirk Munroe's new story, "For the Mikado"; "James McGregor Billings' Moose Hunt," by Curwood; "True Heroism—A Talk With Boys," being the last contribution from the pen of the late G. A. Henty; "Basket Ball," by George T. Hepburn, Secretary Amateur Athletic Basketball Committee; "Uncle Sam's New Pupils," describing how Uncle Sam is teaching young Filipinos in this country; "Skating," by George D. Phillips, winner of twenty-two American championships for speed and figure skating; "An Elephant Hunt that Failed," by William Heyiger; number two of the "Among the Birds" series; "General Nationalism Greener," a biography by Marianne G. Spratley; "The Pranks of Jimmy Lane," a humorous story by Jonas Jutton; "A Feline Fury," an animal story by Clarence Hawkes; "Prisoners of the Tide," a sea story, further chapters of "My Four Years at West Point," by a graduate; "Playing Push-Ball," by W. Frank McClure; installment number five of "Clever Work with the Pocket Knife," by John L. Dougherty, and in addition smaller articles too numerous to mention. All the regular departments, namely: Stamps, Coins and Curies, Amateur Journalism, Money Making, Puzzles, The Order of The American Boy and Boys' Books, Reviewed, are included. \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Press, Detroit, Mich.

WARWICK

Mrs. A. D. Short was the guest of Miss Minnie Smith on Sunday last.

Miss Estella Marsh left Warwick on Tuesday last for New York City.

Mr. A. Wilson Cochran was the guest of Mr. J. H. M. Garner on Sunday.

Mr. Harry C. Kirby is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hall.

Mrs. Wilson Merritt spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Arabella Piser.

Quite a number of changes will be made among our town people during the coming year.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore removed from Chesapeake City to Warwick one day last week.

Our town people took advantage of the snow last Tuesday, there being many sleighs out.

Mrs. James Savin and children, of near Chesapeake City, were the guests of her parents last Sunday.

Mass at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church to-morrow at the usual hour. Father Charles Crowley, pastor.

Mrs. John R. H. Price entertained Mrs. Sallie Gunkle and daughter, Miss Bessie, at her home near town last Friday.

We understand that our friend Mr. Joseph Sullivan who resides near town, is confined to his room, threatened with typhoid fever.

Mr. William T. Vineyard was taken violently ill last Monday evening. Dr. J. J. Wright was summoned and at this writing the patient is very much improved.

The people of our town would be satisfied if our worthy county Commissioner would only allow us one half the work on our streets that he gives our sister towns.

Washington camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. celebrated its first birthday last Wednesday evening. After the regular order of business and a few pleasing remarks, oyster crackers, pickles and coffee were served in abundance.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison visited Clayton Tuesday.

Miss Mary Money is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. George Stradley, of Clayton, visited town on Sunday.

Miss Lucy Bardsley spent several days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells visited Philadelphia a few days this week.

Miss Winnie Price, of near Still Pond, paid a short visit in town this week.

Mr. W. A. Lyman and sister, Miss Anna, spent Sunday with friends near Cecilton.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney returned home Monday after spending sometime in the Quaker City.

Mrs. John Townsend and daughters, Misses Margaret and Myrtle, are visiting in Philadelphia.

Fred, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp, died on Sunday last, after a lingering illness of consumption. The deceased was buried Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock; interment being made in the Townsend Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parvis who have recently returned from their wedding tour, in which they visited Philadelphia, New York and New Haven, Conn., were tendered a reception at the home of Mrs. Parvis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Haymen. A large number of friends were present. Refreshments were served and music was provided by the Townsend Orchestra.

Mr. Jacob Spicer, of Blackbird, invited a number of friends to join him in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of his birth last Saturday. Among the guests for dinner were Mr. Spicer's twin brother, Major H. E. Spicer and wife, of Philadelphia; his brother, Charles Spicer of Odessa, and his sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Davis, of Felton. These twin brothers were born on a farm in Sussex County in 1844, and some years ago decided that so long as they both lived they would spend the anniversary of their birth together.

Major H. E. Spicer who is a weaver in the Philadelphia Mint, resides in Ardmore, Pa., where the next birthday anniversary will probably be celebrated.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1904 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will sit

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE H. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY.

From 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M., until further notice.

And all other days will be found at my residence near Odessa.

A discount of 2 per centum is allowed on all Taxes paid prior to December 31st, next.

ELIAS N. MOORE,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1904.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on SATURDAY, January 14th, 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—
St. Georges Hundred!

All Taxes for 1903 must be paid by the close of this month. After January 1st next all such bills remaining unpaid will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection by process of law. It is to be hoped that all delinquents will make an effort to avoid this unnecessary trouble and expense by paying up 1903 taxes this month. Delinquents on taxes may rest assured this order will be enforced and each claim pushed to collection as it is reached on the list.

AT THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, SOUTH BROAD STREET, EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

5 per cent. will be added on all Taxes not paid by December 31st.

H. W. PHARO,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1904.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the Banking House on Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock noon.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1904 are now due, and until further notice the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will sit

AT BLACKBIRD, On DECEMBER 16th and 29th, 1904, From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

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ABRAM STAATS,
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Sunday 12 12:30 p.m. Tues'dy 13 11:00 a.m.

Thurs'dy 15 2:00 p.m. Friday 16 12:30 p.m.

Sunday 19 2:30 p.m. Tues'dy 20 2:00 p.m.

Thurs'dy 22 7:30 p.m. Friday 23 5:00 p.m.

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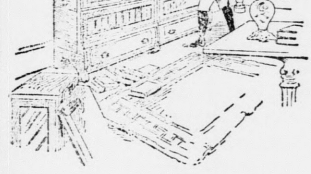
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South Bound—12:28, 2:31, 9:19 and 11:28 a. m.; 4:13, 5:41 and 7:45 p. m.

Main Close as Follows:
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—6:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Oyster—7:30 a. m., 5:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 10, 1904.

Local News.

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After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

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NEW BARBER SHOP.—I wish to announce to my friends and the public, that I have opened up a first-class barber shop in the room on North Broad street formerly occupied by the Y. W. C. T. U., and will appreciate a share of the public patronage.

WILLIAM MCCLARY.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Church will hold its Annual Bazaar in the Sunday School Room on Green Street, Saturday afternoon December 10th, from 1 to 6 o'clock. Fancy articles, home-made candy, ice cream and cake will be on sale. Special attention is called this year to the change of location and time of holding the Bazaar. Come and buy your Christmas presents!

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred cockerels, Black Minorcas, White Leghorns, Silver Spangled Hamburg, White Wyandottes, Barred Plymouth Rocks. Price \$1.00 to \$5.00 each. E. J. STEEL, Henderson, Md.

Miss Cora Seabury of New York will lecture in the M. E. Church on Wednesday, December 14th, at 7.30 P. M. Mrs. Seabury is a National organizer of the W. C. T. U., and is a remarkably fluent speaker. She spoke here in the Spring, and all who heard her then will not doubt be anxious to hear her now. Her recitation "The Creed of the Bible" was so beautifully rendered that it alone is well worth going to hear. The public is cordially invited to hear her. Admission free.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 1st. Miss Crissey M. Brown, Joney Anderson Frank Bailey, Julian Cann, (special delivery) A. H. Green.

Unless the hens resume business in earnest, the Christmas supply of cake and egg nog will run short. Few people can afford eggs at 35 cents and upwards per dozen.

This is a good time to start THE TRANSCRIPT for 1905. It will be sent from now until January 1st, 1906, for one dollar in advance. If you take it yourself, send it to a friend as a Christmas present.

Now that the time for the convening of the Delaware Legislature is drawing near, let the farmers see that a bill is drawn that will give them some rights as regards to the present obnoxious game law.

The matinee encore was pleasantly entertained by Misses Laura and Clara Wilts Wednesday afternoon. Miss Laura Wilts won first prize, and Mrs. C. J. Freeman second. Oysters, rolls, coffee, celery and olives were served.

We have landlord's notices to tenants, ready printed in legal form at this office. They only cost a trifle, and are much more convenient and accurate than the old way.

The evenings are now at their longest, the sun setting at 4.35 o'clock. In a few days the sun will begin to recede, by the middle of the month setting a few minutes later.

One of the best companies that have appeared in the Middletown Opera House for months was "Across the Rockies," which played to a small audience on Wednesday evening. It is a shame that so excellent an entertainment should be so poorly patronized.

A new cement floor now graces the front room of the Light and Water plant, which is a decided improvement to the interior of the building.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. C. T. Wyatt was in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Norman Kumpel was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mr. John A. Jolls was in Seaford on Thursday evening.

Mr. Frank L. Cates spent several days in New York this week.

Dr. R. A. Comegys, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Dora Price was the guest of Wilmington friends Thursday.

Miss Elsa Wilds, of Smyrna, was entertained by Mrs. J. C. Sites Sunday.

Mr. Randolph Geary has accepted a position in Mr. James C. Hall's Tonsorial Parlor.

Mrs. Mary Atkins and daughter, Miss Mary, of Laurel, are guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Wyatt.

Messrs. John Lynch and Thomas Donnelly, of Wilmington, were the guests of T. S. Fouracre and family on Monday.

Mr. Grover C. Johnson left Saturday for Cambridge, Mass., where he has accepted a position in the job printing office of Mr. T. A. Bordley, formerly of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Massey will occupy the King street dwelling which will be vacated by Dr. G. H. Ashman and family, who expect to remove to New York. —Dover Index.

Miss Edna M. Scott, of Philadelphia, has accepted the position as trimmer in the millinery store of Miss Lily M. Scott, and entered upon her duties on Monday. Miss Scott has many friends here, who were glad to welcome her back.

ROLL OF HONOR

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following pupils have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of November:

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade A.—Josephine Cochran, Prudence Lewis, Anna Denny, Helen Davis, Victor Jones, Ernest Sirman, Harvey Voshell, Mary Gill.

Grade B.—Emily Allee, Nevada Alric, Ida Armstrong, Daisy Bendler, Isaac Gibbs, Helen Rowe.

Grade C.—Frances Johnson, Ada Scott, Lydia Duckerty, Clara Duryea, Reese Darlington, Helen Shepherd, Florence Blome, Edith Shallock, Nellie Armstrong, Olin Davis, Jean Metten.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2

Mary Richards, Blanche Deakney, Joseph Walker, Benjamin Gibbs, Lola Buehl, Fannie McCrone, Helen Biggs, Nora Davis, Elsie Boulden, Allan Evans, Edith Jones.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3

A Class.—George Hunkill, Lena Weber, Nellie Pyle, Emma Minner, Bertha Whitlock.

B. Class.—Leah Berkman, Della Muehlberg, Viola Weber, Rosie Weber, Rupert Burstan, Ruby Whitlock, Benjamin Denny, Earl Whitlock, John Hoffacker.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4

Miriam Berkman, Reba Deakney, Estella Johnson, Hannah Kirk, Helen McDowell, Elsie Minner, Irene Reed, Eugene Albern, Rueben Alper, Ray Dixon, Delbert Gallagher, Kendall McDowell, William Maschewitz, Frank Richards, Porace Whitlock.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5

Charlotte Beverley, Sarah Kates, Grace Williams, Bessie Denny, Mary Sturges, Edith Eliason, Elizabeth Alexander, Tim Hunkill, Lemont Jones, John Dickinson, Isaac Cleaver, Clifford Pyle, Perth Johnson, Bruce Whitlock.

CECILTON

George Oldham is spending this week in Port Deposit.

Miss Mamie Pierce is spending this week in Wilmington.

William Lyman, of Townsend, spent Sunday with Thomas Boulden.

Fred Hoover is the guest of Samuel Barnes, of Rising Sun, this week.

Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia, is spending this week with M. P. Ferguson.

Mrs. Dollie Clayton and son John spent a few days with relatives in Middletown.

Robert Anderson, of Annapolis, is visiting his parents, Robert Anderson and wife.

Miss Helen Schrack and brother, of Germantown, Pa., are visiting Miss Emma Lusby.

Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington, has been spending this week with Thomas Boulden.

Miss Daisy Hoover has returned from a visit to her brother, J. D. Hoover, of West Philadelphia.

John Morris and wife are spending this week with their daughter, Mrs. Thomas VanBuskirk, of Baltimore.

Clerical Orders for 1905

Pursuant to its usual custom, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will issue clerical orders for the year of 1905 to ordained clergymen having regular charge as settled pastors of churches located on or near its lines. Clergymen desiring such orders should make individual application for same on blanks furnished by the Company and which can now be obtained from the Ticket Agents. Applications should be sent to the General Office of the Company as soon as possible, in no case later than December 15th, so that orders may be mailed by December 30th, to all clergymen entitled to receive them.

Numerous Invitations

After its next session, which will be held in Grace Church, Wilmington, nine years will probably elapse before the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Conference again convenes there.

Eight towns desire to entertain the Conference, and it is likely that they will be the Conference seat as follows: Pocomoke City, Md., 1906; Milford, 1907; Smyrna, 1908; Salisbury, Md., 1909; Seaford, 1910; Snow Hill, Md., 1911; Dover, 1912; Chestertown, Md., 1913.

Needs Deeper Channel

The depth of water in Back Creek may be increased from 5 to 15 feet at low water, if the suggestion of Congressman Watcher to the House, River and Harbor Committee shall be made effective in the next general appropriation bill. At present vessels have great difficulty in getting over Randall's bar. The creek is near the entrance to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

NO NEW REGISTRATION

"The first registration day in St. Georges hundred for qualifying voters prior to the special election for Representative on December 27th, made necessary because of a tie vote between F. J. Pennington and Jacob Emerson at the general election, was held on Saturday last. Not a man was registered. There will be another registration day on Saturday.

"In the Third district, Middletown, the registration officers went to the place designated, but finding no fire they left the place at 8 o'clock in the morning. This fact is to be reported to the judges, with a complaint against the registration officers there." —Evening Journal.

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ST. GEORGES

Miss Edna Lilly spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Emma Bendler spent last week at her home in Port Penn.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton was a visitor in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert is paying a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

H. C. Buckson and family visited relatives at Stanton on Sunday.

C. M. Riley spent Sunday with W. H. Barnett and daughter near town.

Mrs. William Aspell and son, William, spent part of last week in Wilmington.

Mrs. John Moore and son Townsend were Wilmington visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. George Hill and son Frank, have returned from a visit to Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Gray and daughter, Violet, were Wilmington visitors part of last week.

Prof. Clymer, of Wilmington, organized a class in vocal music here on Friday evening.

The Presbyterian Sunday School is rehearsing for its annual Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. J. B. Nelson and Mrs. Price, of Millington, Md., have been visiting in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clarence Jamison and son Clarence are spending this week with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. George Swain visited her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Lester, near Delaware City on Wednesday.

George Swain and wife on Sunday entertained their son-in-law, Eugene Gravatt and family, of Glasgow.

The remains of Samuel Warren, of near Middletown, were entered in St. Georges Cemetery on Thursday.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of London Grove is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Hill.

Mrs. Ida Wright returned home on Wednesday after a week's visit to relatives near Summit Bridge.

Mrs. George Swain has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Haman, at State Road during this week.

Mrs. Georges Bright and her guests, Mrs. Cox, of Philadelphia, were entertained by A. N. Sutton and family on Friday.

The Primary Department of the Public School are preparing for their Christmas entertainment which will be given on Friday afternoon, December 23d.

ODESSA

Mr. William H. Eccles is a Wilmington visitor this week.

Levi Plummer was a Philadelphia visitor a few days this week.

Mrs. William Johnson was a Wilmington visitor part of this week.

Mrs. Ruth Naudain spent Thursday and Friday in Philadelphia.

George Heldmyer has returned after spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Malcolm Council, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., is the guest of Miss L. N. Corbit.

Mrs. J. Mulberger returned Friday after spending a week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George L. Townsend Sr., entertained Miss Quigly, of Wilmington, this week.

Messrs. Mary and Margaret McCoy are visiting their sister, Mrs. A. Hayden in Middletown.

Mr. Walter Keen left Saturday for Wilmington, when he has accepted a position in Capells Hardware store.

Mrs. E. S. Stevens and daughter, Miss Nellie, returned Thursday after spending a week with relatives in Philadelphia and New York.

St. Pauls M. E. Sunday School will meet on Saturday evening to begin rehearsing for the Xmas entertainment. A large attendance is desired.

SASSAFRAS

Mr. I. Will Lusby, of Cecilton, visited Sassafaras on Tuesday.

Mr. William Knight, of Baltimore, was in Sassafaras on Tuesday.

Kent County folks are enjoying the earliest sleighing in many years.

Mrs. W. H. Spry is entertaining Miss Minnie Stevens, of Harrington, Del.

Rev. M. Smoot preached in the M. E. Church on Sunday to a large audience.

There is to be a musical and entertainment in the Town Hall in the near future.

Rev. F. S. Cain preached on Sunday in the Rehoboth M. P. Church to a large congregation.

Hog killing has been the order of the day for the past fortnight, and some very fine porkers have been killed.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. C. Coale, of Earleville, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. I. Calhoun on Thursday.

Mrs. Robert S. Griffith and Mrs. John F. Ernest visited Mrs. Rachel Stradley near Goltz, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Biggs and children, of Chesapeake City, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, several days last week.

Christmas music of a very high order is being rehearsed in our churches. On Christmas morning there will be some very fine music rendered, and we trust there will be a large attendance.

Several from here went to Philadelphia especially to see the big mule which was exhibited at the World's Fair, and arrived at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, on Friday last. It was born in Missouri seven years ago, weighs 1500 pounds and stands 19 hands high.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Duryea, of near Warwick, entertained at dinner on Friday last. Among those present were Mrs. John F. Ernest, of Sassafaras; Mrs. I. Gunkel and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Price, of Warwick, and many others. A most enjoyable day was enjoyed by all.

New Castle Presbytery Meets

An adjourned meeting of the New Castle Presbytery was held in Newark Church Tuesday. The principal business was to dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. James T. McLean and Green Hill Church and to receive Mr. Warrington, of the Senior Class of Delaware College, as a candidate for the ministry.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1 \$1.08 | Corn—

Timothy Seed \$2.65 | Yellow, shelled 46

Clover Seed 10 1/2c | Oats 46

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz. 32 3/4

Country Butter, per lb. 26 3/4

Creamery Butter, per lb. 35

Lard, per lb. 8 1/2

Live Chickens, per lb. 12 1/5

Potatoes, per basket 25 3/5

Christmas Suggestions

It is time to be thinking of X-mas presents, and our line should receive first consideration as it is very complete this year.

Our line of choice Perfumery is undoubtedly the largest and finest ever offered in Middletown.

You will be surprised not only at the beauty, elegance and variety of our store, but at the reasonableness of prices.

Before deciding to be so give us a call, as we will enjoy the privilege of showing you our goods.

PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

Middletown, Delaware.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of a renewed order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, made on the thirtieth day of November, A. D., 1904, will be exposed to sale at Public Vendue,

At 2 o'clock, P. M.,

At the Hotel of John P. McIntyre, in the Town of Middletown, the following described Real Estate, late of Catherine F. Cochran, deceased, to-wit:

No. 2. All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate on the South side of the public road leading from Middletown to Odessa, in the Hundred aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone in the line of lands late of James T. Shallock, but now of Mary V. Appleton; thence with said Appleton's line North forty-seven and a quarter degrees West one hundred and twenty-two and four-tenths perches to Odessa, in the Hundred aforesaid, and thence thence with North eighty-one degrees East eighty-four and eight-tenths perches to a corner for this lot and lands late of Richard W. Cochran, deceased; thence with said Cochran's line South twenty-seven and a quarter degrees East seventy-four perches to a stone; thence South and South by land late of William A. Cochran, but now of John C. Corbit; on the West by land formerly of John Hunn, but now of Mary V. Appleton, and by land late of Catherine F. Cochran, and on the North by the aforesaid public road, containing

35 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by

MARTIN B. BURRIS, Trustee, or, by his Attorney,

Attest: Joseph C. Jolls, Clerk Orphans' Court.

Wilmington, Delaware, November 30, '04.

At the same time and place will be exposed to sale by the Executors of Richard W. Cochran, deceased, the Plantation or Tract of Land immediately adjoining the above, containing one hundred and fifty acres of land, late the property of Richard W. Cochran, deceased.

Thursday, Dec. 15, '04

EXECUTOR'S SALE

—OF—

REAL ESTATE!

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At 2 o'clock, P. M.,

At the Hotel of John P. McIntyre, in the Town of Middletown, the following described Real Estate, late of Richard W. Cochran, deceased, to-wit:

All that certain Plantation or Tract of Land, situate in St. Georges Hundred aforesaid, lying on the public road leading from Middletown to Odessa, bounded on the East and South by land late of William A. Cochran, but now of John C. Corbit; on the West by land formerly of John Hunn, but now of Mary V. Appleton, and by land late of Catherine F. Cochran, and on the North by the aforesaid public road, containing

150 ACRES OF LAND

and having thereon a Brick Mansion House, Barns and other improvements.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by

RICHARD E. COCHRAN, FRANK P. COCHRAN, ANDREW E. ELIASON,

Erectors of Richard W. Cochran, deceased, or by their Attorney, Martin B. Burris.

Attest: Joseph C. Jolls, Clerk Orphans' Court.

Wilmington, Delaware, November 30, '04.

At the same time and place will be exposed to sale by Martin B. Burris, Trustee, Thirty-five Acres of Land adjoining the above, late the property of Catherine F. Cochran, deceased.

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